provided vehicles, weapons and equipment worth Rs. 34.99 crores and Rs. 3.36 crores during 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively. The weapons included SLRs, carbines, pistols, etc. Further, an amount of Rs. 2.63 crores has been provided during 1998-99 to the State Government of Assam for bullet-proofing of vehicles.

The Central Government also reimburses security related expenditure to the North-Eastern States for tackling insurgency in the region. The amount reimbursed in this regard is Rs. 162.45 crores during the current year, i.e., 1998-99.

Register for Citizens/Non-Citizens in North-East

814. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a register for citizens and non-citizens in the North-Eastern States, in order to identify the foreign nationals living in the region, as suggested by the Governor of Assam in his recent report to the President of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of effective steps being taken by Government to curb influx of infiltrators?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) A scheme to issue Multi-purpose National Identity Cards to all citizens of 14 years and above is under consideration. The identity cards to citizens as well as non citizens will be issued on the basis of an inventory of citizens/non-citizens organised in a computer readable form. It will help in easy identification of persons to check illegal immigration and infiltration.

(c) Several measures have been taken to curb and prevent infiltration. These include, *inter alia,* raising of additional battalions of the Border Security Force; reducing gaps between the border outposts; increase in the number of outpost towers, intensification of patrolling along the border, both land and riverine; surveillance on the coastal areas; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing.

Rising Crimes Against Women

815. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how Government plan to reduce the rising crimes against women in different parts of the country;

(b) what are the details of steps towards police sensitization in this regard; and

(c) what are the plans for equipping the police stations to deal with such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes, including those against women, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has been writing to the State Governments, from time to time, stressing upon them the need to take preventive and punitive measures in connection with crimes against women. These measures include, *inter alia,* setting up of women police stations, creation of women police cells in police stations, recruitment of women in police, identification of atrocity-prone areas, hearing of rape cases in courts presided over by lady judges as far as possible, sensitisation of government/semi-government/private organisations for prevention of sexual harassment of women at the place of their work, stern action against perpetrators of crimes

against women, better enforcement of the existing laws, etc.

In order to sensitize the concerned officers towards problems of women and weaker sections of the society, the Central Government establishments, such as the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (NICFS), are conducting a number of courses for police officers, judicial officers and others.

भूतपूर्व न्यायाधीशों की नियुक्ति के संबंध में महान्यायवादी का सुझाव

816. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारत के महान्यायवादी ने भूतपूर्व न्यायाधीशों की नियुक्ति के संबंध में सरकार को कोई सुझाव दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा और आधार क्या है और इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा सरकार इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लेने पर विचार कर रही है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

दिल्ली में कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति के संबंध में न्यायविद् द्वारा दिये गये सुझाव

817. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली में कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति सुधारने के लिए किसी नये कार्यक्रम की रूपरेखा तैयार की है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का ध्यान विख्यात न्यायविद श्री राजेन्द्र सच्चर द्वारा दिये गये सुझावों की ओर दिलाया गया है जो 3 फरवरी, 1999 के दैनिक जागरण में "कानून व्यवस्था परिचर्चा" में प्रकाशित हुए हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उसमें दिये गये सुझावों से सहमत है; यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार तदनुसार कार्रवाई करेगी; और यदि हां, तो कब तक?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली में अपराध को काबू करने के लिए गश्त लगाने की बीट प्रणाली को मजबूत करने, ज्ञात बदमाशों की गतिविधियों पर निगरानी रखने, आसूचना संग्रहण में सुधार लाने, संवेदनशील क्षेत्रों में पुलिस की अधिक तैनाती, घरेलू नौकरों के पूर्ववत का सत्यापन करने तथा रेसीडेंट वेल्फेयर एसोसिएशनों के साथ सम्पर्क गहन करने पर पुनः बल दिया गया है।

(ख) जी, हां, श्रीमान्।

(ग) सरकार का लगातार यह प्रयास रहा है कि पुलिस, बिना किसी राजनीतिक हस्तक्षेप के काम करने, राजनीति के अपराधीकरण को नियंत्रित करने और कुशल प्रशासन के लिए अन्य प्रजातांत्रिक प्रक्रियाओं को सुदृढ़ करने में समर्थ हो सके।

Elections DGHC

818. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that elections to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council, scheduled in January, 1999, have been re-scheduled to March, 1999;

(b) whether it is also a fact that earlier elections of DGHC and State Assembly were held in December and January; and

(c) whether Government agree with the proposal to reject pleas of winter season as not tenable?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The elections to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council were held on December 31, 1993 and elections to the State Assembly were held in May, 1996 alongwith Parliamentary elections.

(c) The elections to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council have been re-scheduled by the Government of West